

The House Committee on Special Rules offers the following substitute to HB 1443:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate Georgia red clay as Georgia's official soil; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Georgia is well known for its abundance of Georgia red clay which is not only the predominant soil of the state but also an important cultural icon; and

WHEREAS, Georgia red clay has been celebrated in verse, song, and prose, including Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*, and lamented by generations of struggling Georgia dirt farmers growing their crops and by diligent mothers attempting to keep their children's play clothes clean; and

WHEREAS, Georgia red clay's origin began as the towering Appalachians were formed producing the red iron oxide soil lovingly known to Georgians as Georgia red clay; and

WHEREAS, As Georgia's characteristic red soil has added immeasurably to the cultural, economic, and social development of Georgia, it is only fitting that Georgia red clay be recognized as Georgia's official soil.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code Section 50-3-82 to read as follows:

"50-3-82.

Georgia red clay is designated as Georgia's official soil."

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2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.